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FOR ARA/CAR/B, S/NM-R. ROBERTSON, A/AID-M. WAMPLER

SUMMARY: EMBASSY PROPOSES SCHEDULE TWO-WEEK CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT OVERSEAS COURSE II (REF E) IN ANTIGUA DURING LAST QUARTER FY 74 FOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS FROM ANTIGUA, DOMINICA, MONTSERRAT, ST. KITTS, ST. VINCENT AND BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS.$GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA WILL PROVIDE CLASSROOM FACILITIES, AND BRITISH DEVELOPMENT DIVISION WILL COVER LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM COSTS. IF WASHINGTON APPROVES, EMBASSY WILL ISSUE INVITATIONS TO ISLANDS LISTED ABOVE.

1. POST'S FY 74 PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN NCAP UNDER CUSTOMS TRAINING IN TABLE II, PARTS A AND B (REF D), PROJECTED TWO-WEEK COURSE FOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS FROM LEEWARD ISLANDS. THIS COURSE WOULD BE SIMILAR TO TWO-WEEK COURSE HELD IN BARBADOS IN JUNE 1973 FOR 20 CUSTOMS OFFICERS FROM BARBADOS, GRENADA AND ST. LUCAI (A-123).

2.GOA HAS NOW INFORMED EMBASSY IT IS WILLING HOST TWO-WEEK
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CUSTOMS COURSE AT POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL AND TO COORDINATE APPROPRIATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. DEV DIV IS WILLING MEET

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TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM COSTS. BECAUSE DEV DIV'S NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINS APRIL 1, 1974, DEV DIV PREFERS SCHEDULE THIS COURSE IN LAST QUARTER FY 74 (APRIL-JUNE 1974).

3. IF WASHINGTON APPROVES COURSE, EMBASSY WILL ISSUE INVITATIONS TO CUSTOMS OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS: ANTIGUA 5, DOMINICA 5, MONTSERRAT 5, ST. KITTS 5, ST. VINCENT 5, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS 5 (WITH SPACES NOT FILLED GOING TO ANTIGUA.) ALTHOUGH COURSE IS PRIMARILY FOR LEEWARD ISLANDS, ST. VINCENT IS INCLUDED BECAUSE IT COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN JUNE 1973 COURSE HELD IN BARBADOS FOR WINDWARD ISLANDS. EMBASSY PROPOSES INVITE UP TO THIRTY PARTICIPANTS SINCE ONLY TWENTY PLACES FILLED OF TWENTY-FIVE ALLOCATED TO JUNE 1973 COURSE. ORIGINAL PROPOSAL CALLED FOR TOTAL OF FIFTY TRAINEES FOR BOTH COURSES (REF B).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE APPROVAL FOR COURSE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND POUCH UP TO DATE DESCRIPTION OF COURSE CONTENT.
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